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Board of Supervisors.

FEBRUARY TERM.

(Continued from last week.)

The members of the board made the following reports, as per order on minutes of previous, in regard to roads and bridges in their respective districts:

U. W. MULLINS, DISTRICT 1.

Gentlemen: On account of physical inability and weather conditions, I have been unable to make a thorough inspection of roads during December and January, but on account of excessive rains, roads are not in as good shape as they should be, and recent heavy rains have damaged some bridges, which I am endeavoring to have repaired as speedily as possible.

I find it almost impossible to get overseers to work on roads; especially in the repair of bridges, which if done by them, would save a great deal of expense to the county.

Respectfully submitted,

U. W. MULLINS.

W. T. STOWERS, DISTRICT 3.

Gentlemen: I beg to make the following report of condition of the roads, bridges and culverts in my district: Columbus road, good condition; Starkville road, good condition; Allgood road, good condition except four bridges on levee which should be new; Shuqualak road, good condition to the overhead bridge. From said bridge to district line, road is in bad condition but intend to work same with convicts as soon as possible; Summerville road, good condition; DeKalb road, good condition except three bridges; Memphis and Buggs ferry road, very good; Memphis road, good condition except one bridge washed out and have contracted to have that repaired at once; Fairfield road, good condition; Cooksville road, good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. STOWERS.

W. R. SWINDLE, DISTRICT 4.

Gentlemen: I herewith hand you my semi-annual report of roads and bridges: The roads in this district are worked under the road law of 1912 by commissioners and the commissioners have divided the district in three parts: C. S. Field in southeast, W. M. Hunter in northwest and J. J. Prince in center. Field and Hunter have worked their roads and they are in good condition. Prince has worked only one road and that is the Shuqualak and Summerville road and the balance of the roads under Prince has had nothing done to them this year. I have done everything I could to get Mr. Prince to have roads worked all over his district but have only got one worked. Bridges are in good condition and will need very little repair in 1915.

Respectfully,

W. R. SWINDLE.

W. A. WALKER, DISTRICT 5.

Gentlemen: I beg to make the following reports as to the roads, etc. in district 5: Macon and Allgood roads in very good condition, having been worked by convicts; Brooksville and Louisville road in hands of commissioners from east district line to Allgood's mill. The roads east of Brooksville are all in good condition. The Crawford and Fairport road has been well worked by overseer and is in better condition than ever before considering weather conditions.

The Macon and Starkville road is partly in the hands of commissioners; the part worked by overseers is well worked. The road leading from Allgood's mill to Fairview is in bad condition but is being worked by convicts at this time. Most of the roads in Lynn Creek neighborhood have been worked by convicts and are in fair condition. All bridges are in fair condition—to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully,

W. A. WALKER.

A. H. BUSH, DISTRICT 2.

Gentlemen: I beg to report as follows: I was not well enough in the first two weeks in January to make said inspection, being part of the time confined to my bed. Since recovery from said attack the weather conditions have been so bad I have been unable to make a thorough inspection of my roads, and consequently am unable to make an intelligent report.

The recent flood have to some extent damaged some of the road beds. I have had new ferry boats built and will have ferry located at Bounston ferry. Have advertised for keeper of said ferry.

Bridges are in pretty fair shape.

Respectfully,

A. H. BUSH.

The petition of Emmett Bell for release from taxes was granted.

Petition of Jordan Bros. for release from tax on \$4,200 stock of merchandise was granted provided said Jordan Bros. would file with the board said receipt showing payment at the March meeting of said board, at which time petition will be finally acted upon.

J. P. Cole, county treasurer, made regular monthly report.

Contract for working the Macon and Memphis road in district one was awarded to E. L. Stevens, upon his entering into formal contract and making bond.

W. T. Stowers and W. A. Walker, committee to inspect flat boat built by I. G. Guy reported that same had been built according to plans and specifications and payment of same is recommended.

Following accounts were continued: C. L. Cole, returning election box, \$1; I. G. Guy, lumber, \$28.63.

Green Prince was released from road tax in district 4.

Petition of H. B. von Kohn for refund of poll tax, being under age, was granted.

Members of board and officers was allowed per diem and mileage.

County Field Day.

The field day for county schools this year will be held at Macon, April 9. All the written work in the literary contests will be held on Thursday afternoon before the ninth so that the judges may have time to make their decisions before the regular meeting of Friday. Only bona fide students will be allowed to enter any contest. To be a bona fide student, a pupil must have been in actual attendance upon school for the three months immediately preceding Field Day. In athletics all contests will be held according to Spalding's rules. Other regulations will be announced and complete information sent all school principals within the next few weeks. Below is given a list of the events so that all schools may begin work upon the selection of their representatives:

LITERARY CONTESTS.

1: Written spelling: One contest for grammar grades (below eighth) and one for high school (eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh). Two representatives from each school in each contest.

2: Arithmetic: One contest for grammar grades—one for high school. Two representatives in each contest.

3: Written composition: Open to high school grades. Two representatives from each school.

4: Reading contest: One contest for sixth and seventh grades; one contest for high school grades. One representative from each school in each contest.

5: Expression: One contest open to girls below eighth grade; one open to girls above eighth grade. Only one representative from each school.

6: Declamation: Open to boys of any grades. One representative from each school.

7: Exhibits in domestic science, domestic art and grade work.

ATHLETICS.

These contests will be conducted in four classes, according to weight: Class D will include all boys under one hundred pounds in weight; class C, all from one hundred pounds to one hundred and twenty pounds; class B, all from one hundred twenty to one hundred forty-five pounds; and class A, all over one hundred forty-five pounds in weight and all students over twenty-one years of age, regardless of weight.

Class D: 100 yards dash; running high jump; pole vault.

Class C: 100 yards dash; running high jump; standing high jump; running broad jump; standing broad jump; pole vault.

Class B: 100 yards dash; mile race; relay race; running high jump; standing broad jump; 12 pounds shot put; 12 pound hammer throw; pole vault.

Class A: Same as class B.

For girls: 50 yards dash for girls under eighth grade; 50 yards dash for girls above eighth grade.

Mr. D. F. Allgood.

Mr. Forest Allgood announces this week for re-election as County Attorney. He was appointed when the office was created in 1910 and in 1911 was elected by the people. A capable lawyer and intimately acquainted with county conditions, he has performed the duties of his office with an ability and good sense that his friends think insure him invincible support. The criminal record of the county since his service began compared with that before, is pointed out as convincing proof of his worth and fitness.

No man in the county has stronger friends and few, if any, have more friends than Mr. Allgood. But he appeals to the people of the county for their support on the high ground of faithful performance of public duties.

NOTICE!

We carry a good stock of the following all the time—Flour Meal Meat Hams Bacon Lard Sugar Coffee Rice Grits Corn Oats Chop Bran Shorts Mixed Feed. Best sugar house molasses in barrels. N. COATES

Constable Killed Negro Lynched

Constable J. T. Kemp was killed Sunday night about 7:30 o'clock by Horace Hill, a negro that Kemp, with three other white men, were attempting to arrest.

The killing occurred at the negro's house on Mr. Drew Cade's place about 13 miles west of Brooksville, and about two miles from the Winston county line.

Horace Hill, the murderer, had gotten into a quarrel several days before with two negroes, Alex Shine and Jackson Burrell while they were in the woods getting out ties. He picked up an ax and ran Alex Shine, an old negro, out of the woods. Alex went to Justice of the Peace White and made an affidavit against Hill for assault, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The negro eluded the officer several days and Sunday night, with Messrs. Pat Boykins, Forest and Derbert Cade, Constable Kemp went to the negro's house to effect his arrest. The house was surrounded and Kemp and Boykin went to the front door and called out for Hill to come out. Hill's wife replied that she would open the door in a minute and when she did, she ran out. The two officers last mentioned stepped in the house, which was one room, with a shed room and had just gotten in when the negro fired from the shed room, the load tearing away half of Kemp's face. Boykin ran from the room and reported that Kemp had been killed, and the murderer ran out of the rear door. He was shot at several times but was not hit.

Alex Shine, who lives between a quarter and a half mile from Hill's house heard the shooting and knowing that Hill had threatened his life, got his gun and stood on his front gallery. In a few minutes Hill came running toward Shine, who called to him to halt and when he did not stop, shot at him, hitting him in the hip. Hill ran a short distance before falling, but as it was dark Shine did not see him. Search was made for him all night but without success and it was afterwards found out that the wounded negro had crawled under Shine's house, where he remained until everything became quiet, when he hid in the woods, where he was found the next morning by Burley Jackson, who took him to another negro's house and reported the capture to officers immediately.

The sheriff's office in Macon had been notified and blood hounds were ordered from Houston, Miss. by phone. Deputies Sam Clark and Jeff Jackson reached the scene of the trouble about 4 o'clock Monday morning and at 11 o'clock they had the murderer in charge. Quite a crowd had gathered at the point where the negro was held and the deputies soon realized that the temper of the crowd was such that it would be a miracle almost if they succeeded in getting to jail with the murderer, and for a while they were afraid to start with him. Finally about 1 o'clock the crowd thinned out and they started out but had gone only a mile or two when they were halted, sacks thrown over their heads and their hands tied and the negro taken away. Exacted what happened to the negro is not known but it is supposed he was shot to death.

This is the first lynching that has ever happened in that section, but the murdered officer was a quiet, sober, industrious man, who held the respect of all and the feeling was such that it was a foregone conclusion the murderer, who has been considered a bad, dangerous character, even more by his own race than the whites, would never reach jail.

Court was in session in Macon; there was no question that proper punishment would be promptly meted out to the murderer and it is very much to be regretted that the law was not allowed to take its course. The murderer, too, was in the hands of the sheriff's deputies.

It is said on good authority that Kemp had more relatives in Lowndes and Oktibbeha counties than in Noxubee and as many friends, and the mob was composed largely, if not almost entirely, of Lowndes, Winston and Oktibbeha men.

Mr. Kemp leaves a wife and four children and great sympathy is felt for them.

SEED CORN

100 bu. St. Charles white s'd corn \$2.00
50 bu. Iowa Silver, 90 days.....\$2.00
50 bu. White Dent Early c.m.\$2.00
50 bu. Mosby Prolific corn.....\$2.00
50 bu. Yellow Dent 00 day.....\$2.00
60 tons good sound Johnson hay \$10.00
SEED POTATOES
Irish Cobbler, peck.....40c
Early Rose, peck.....40c
Early Blue Triumph, peck.....60c
N. COATES

Spring 1915 Announcement

Our line of *New Laces for Spring 1915* are here and comprise, clever designs in everything *new* for this season, to look over this line—means your appreciation. This line of Laces we selected with great care and at the same remembered economy must be the word in every piece of Lace. Values and prices to suit you are here.

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF



Federal Aid to Good Roads.

Washington, Feb. 17.—That public opinion is overwhelmingly in favor of Federal Aid to good roads, is conclusively shown in the final report of the Joint Congressional committee which has spent more than two years studying this general subject. In 1913, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., chairman of the committee, sent to a large number of newspapers, commercial organizations, farmers' unions and granges a circular letter asking them to ascertain the consensus of opinion in their communities on this question.

Replies representing 100,000 individuals came from every state in the Union, and since the requests for opinions were made without discrimination, and without knowledge as to the views held by the persons or organizations addressed, the responses show with reasonable accuracy the attitude of the people throughout the country.

Ninety seven per cent of the replies favored Federal Aid and three per cent were against it.

IMPORTANCE OF MAINTENANCE.

The report emphasizes the importance of maintenance and says: "The permanence of an improvement depends largely upon the character of maintenance. The stone or gravel surface, as well as the foundation of a highway, needs constant attention, similar to the care given the rails and roadbed of a railroad. It is the filling of the small rut, the repair of the small break, that prevents more serious damage."

"These men keep the roads in repair until the harvest season begins and then are left free to seek more profitable employment among the farmers of the community. A road kept in repair until that time will need no attention during the harvest period. The highway patrolmen, therefore, afford a constant supply of labor upon which the farmers can depend for part of their harvest help."

"We believe a very similar system of maintenance should be worked out in this country."

Death of Mrs. Bray.

Mrs. Henrietta Bray died Wednesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Florrie Cotton, four and a half miles southwest of Macon. Mrs. Bray had been on a visit to her sisters, Mrs. Jett Combs, Mrs. Will Evans and Mrs. Cotton and was getting ready to return to her former home in Arkansas when she was taken sick with pneumonia. Her remains were interred Thursday at the Salem grave yard.

BRACE

After fortune has knocked at your door you may be able to prove an alibi, but what will be the use. The law of gravity, the rule of the seasons, the certainty of death, are not more sure than that if you waste your substance in riotous living and don't save something, you'll die a poor man.

Better take our advice now and put some of your earnings in this bank of guaranteed deposits and be prepared for the day that is sure to come when you'll need it bad.

Bank of Brooksville

Herbert Drug Co., The "San-Tox" Store

We will be pleased to have you call and look at a nice line of stationery we have just received. All the latest styles and colors represented.

We also have some beautiful Auction Bridge Score Cards of the latest patterns.

Be sure and give this line a look before you buy.—It will you

Herbert Drug Co., The "San-Tox" Store

National Holiday.

Monday, February 22d, being Washington's birthday, the banks of Macon will be closed.

Banks Close at Three.

Beginning Monday, March 1st, the banks of Macon will close at 3 o'clock.

ANGUS BULLS—Nine registered Angus Bulls, from 10 months to five years old for sale. CAYETT BROS.

MELLILOTUS SEED—Fifty bushels of well-cleaned MelliLotus seed. Free from Johnson grass, for sale. ALLIE SWANN, Route 2, Macon, Miss.

SWEET POTATOES—Several hundred bushels of Bunch Yam potatoes for sale at 75 cents per bushel. Also red peanuts. S. M. COCKRELL, Route 2, Macon, Miss.

RHODE ISLAND RED—Eggs from pure blood hens and the finest strain at \$1.00 per setting of 15. MRS. E. D. CAVETT, Route 2, Macon.

WYANDOTTE EGGS—Pure White Wyandotte setting of 15 for \$1.00. MRS. LUTE MINOR, Route 2, Macon.

FOR SALE—For cash, Johnson grass hay by bale or ton. E. T. GEORGE.